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October 4, 2002

Marlene H. Dortch
Commission Secretary
445 12th Street SW, CY-B402,
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Proceeding 02-306

Dear Commissioners:

As a member of the California State Assembly from the Los Angeles region, creating and maintaining jobs throughout my district has always been a priority for me. I support proposals that help working-class Californians to succeed. For this reason, I strongly urge you approve SBC Pacific Bell's long distance application.

SBC Pacific Bell's entry into the long distance market would bring many benefits to Californians. As one of the largest union employers in our state, allowing SBC Pacific Bell to expand its services would create more jobs throughout California.

SBC Pacific Bell has a strong working relationship with the Communications Workers of America. I want California to ensure that union-friendly companies, like SBC Pacific Bell, have the ability to grow in our state. Approving the company's long distance application would be a positive step for working men and women and for the telecommunications industry throughout the state.

In the telecommunications industry, competition breeds more competition – as well as lower prices, more choices and better services. Californians deserve the benefits that millions of Americans are already enjoying in more than 23 states that have opened up their long distance markets.

I respectfully urge the FCC to approve SBC Pacific Bell's 271 application.

Sincerely,

ED CHAVEZ

Assemblyman, 57th District

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